

IN THE SPECIFICATION


Please replace the TITLE with the following:

WHEELED TRIMMER DEVICE OF ADJUSTABLE HEIGHT

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 5, line 1, with the following paragraph:

Adjuster assembly 205, an example of a height adjustment mechanism for a cutting element carrier, selectively locks to any one of a plurality of positions along at least a portion of the length of the shaft 201. Within frame 208 is supported a sliding plate 306 that functions as a locking member. The sliding plate is confined for movement within a channel 401 (FIG. 4), which is defined by walls 404. It is held within the channel by a set of tabs 402 (FIG. 4) extending from opposite sides over the channel and partially overlaying the sliding plate 306 (not shown in FIG. 4). The plate is thus constrained to slide laterally toward and away from shaft 201. Plate 306 may engage any one of a plurality of notches 307 formed along the side of shaft 201, and thereby lock the adjuster assembly against the movement along the axis or length of shaft 201 at one of a selected number of positions. Plate 306 includes an opening or slot 308, through which shaft 201 extends. Slot 308 permits plate 306 to move from an engaging position, in which one edge of the slot fits into one of the notches 307 to lock the plate, to a non-engaging position, in which there is no interference between the plate and shaft 201. Plate 306 is biased to an engaging or locking position by spring 309. Formed on the end of the plate is a button-like locking release member 310. The release member stands proud of a vertical, cylindrically-shaped wall 208a that extends upwardly from frame 208. When a user grips the adjuster assembly by placing his or her hand around the wall, the user may easily depress the release member with, for example, his or her thumb or hand. Depressing the release member inwardly moves plate 306 inwardly, thereby disengaging it from shaft 201 to permit the adjuster assembly to slide on shaft 201. Collar 207 keeps frame 208 properly oriented on the shaft, and may include a lining, such as made from a plastic insert 403 (shown only in FIG. 4), to facilitate centering and/or sliding of the collar on the shaft. The adjuster assembly is keyed to shaft 201 so that it rotates with the shaft. In the preferred embodiment, at least one side of the shaft is flattened to key against a straight side of slot 308 of locking plate 306. String carrier 204 is thus adjustably attached to shaft 201 and may be positioned at certain, selected positions along the vertical axis of shaft 201.

Please replace the Abstract on page 11 with the following:

 A ~~Wheeled~~ wheeled vegetation trimmer with an adjustable height cutting element includes an adjuster member having a locking plate for positioning the adjuster assembly along a length of the shaft by selectively engaging the locking plate with a desired slot on a spindle and a partial ball-shaped and freely spinning ground contacting member.